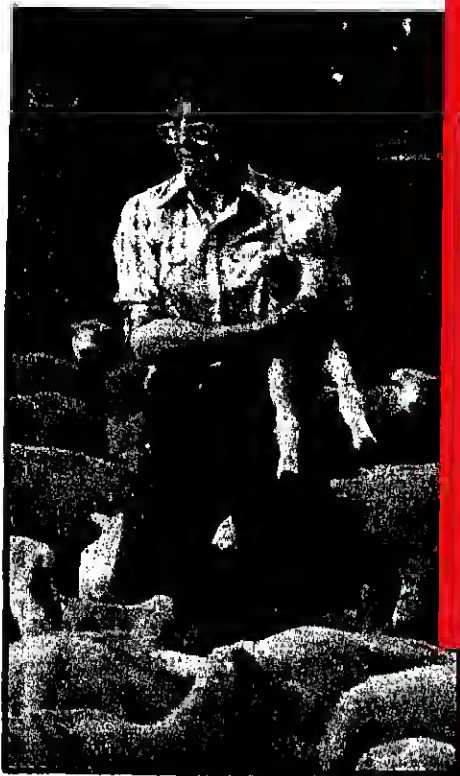


WEDNESDAY



State Journal photo/SCOTT SEID

## Embraceable ewes deliver their lambs

When lambing season ends this week at Linden Valley Farm near Blanchardville, Hillary Wood, above, and her husband, Peter, will have helped bring almost 600 wet bundles of wool into the world. Details and more photos in Metro/1D.

### SPORTS

## Bucks remain alive

The Bucks can postpone their summer vacation. Alvin Robertson scored 38 points Tuesday night as Milwaukee beat the Bulls, 119-112. Michael Jordan scored 48 points for Chicago, which has a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series. Details/1B.

## Brewers 6, Royals 4

Details/1B

### WORLD



Associated Press

## Reed savors freedom

Frank Reed blows a kiss to a crowd at Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, West Germany, on Tuesday. He celebrated his release from 3½ years of captivity in Lebanon with a reunion with his wife and son, a Heineken beer and a large steak, cooked medium rare. Details/9A.

### MONEY

## Farm fear dampened

Although the first three months of 1990 were quite wet, precipitation in April was well below normal. Even so, the state's climatologist assures farmers that it's too early to worry about drought. Details/8B.

Georgia-Pacific says it may explore selling a paper mill in Tomahawk and a box plant in Milwaukee. Details/8B.



### QUOTE/UNQUOTE

'People look at you in a wheelchair like you got to be homebound or on welfare. You are handicapped only in your mind.'

Raymond Muhammad

Who as Mega Man has dangled by ropes from New York bridges to encourage other disabled people to reach their potential. Details/10A.

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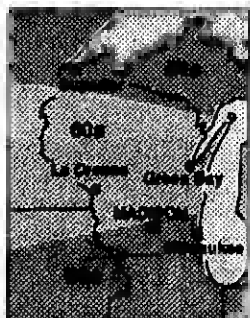
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**TODAY'S FORECAST**  
Mostly sunny. High 60. Becoming cloudy tonight with a chance of rain late. Low 39. Details/Back page.

# Hey! What's the deal on tax rebate?

By Joe Beck

State government reporter

Partisan finger-pointing over failed property tax relief proposals broke out again Tuesday as the Department of Revenue struggled to keep up with thousands of phone calls from taxpayers puzzled and irate over property tax rebate checks issued last week.

The DOR is fielding an unprecedented 3,000 to 4,000 phone calls a day, Revenue Secretary Mark Bugher said.

A receptionist had to deliver a reporter's message in writing to Bugher because the telephone lines to his office were busy Tuesday.

"We have 17 phone lines and

they're going constantly," Bugher said.

Most of the phone calls are technical questions, such as why one person's check is bigger than another's, he said.

But a substantial minority are also demanding to know why they have not received checks like those delivered to other state residents.

Bugher said the Legislature balked at a proposal by Gov. Tommy Thompson to ensure that those exempt from the rebate program would have received \$50.

But Rep. David Travis, D-Madison, said Thompson never even introduced the \$50 proposal.

"Gov. Tommy Thompson is di-

rectly responsible for this," Travis said of the DOR's plight.

Travis said it is illegal under the state constitution to award a property tax rebate to anyone based solely on the amount of income taxes paid.

Travis said he tried to fix the problem with a referendum that would have changed the constitution — the so-called 3 percent solution that lost by a thousand votes in spring 1989.

"It is very clear under the Wisconsin constitution you cannot give a rebate if someone has a tax liability of zero," Travis said.

"That's what we tried to change and that's what the Thompson administration fought tooth and nail.

"By the time, they got done distorting the issue, the people turned it down."

Bugher said Thompson and two Democratic legislators from Milwaukee, Rep. Walter Kunicki and Sen. Gary George, offered plans for getting rebate checks to those left out under the present program. The Kunicki-George proposal lost in the Assembly, he said.

Travis said the checks proposed in the Kunicki-George plan would not have been delivered until December.

"Whatever he's talking about, there was no Kunicki-George proposal regarding this," Travis said of the April checks.

## About the rebates:

How big are the checks? Up to \$260. The average is \$139. How do they calculate the rebates? For property owners, the amount is based on 6½ percent of a person's property tax bill in 1987 and 1988. For renters, the amount is based on 6½ percent of the rent needed to cover the landlord's property taxes in 1987 and 1988. Who doesn't get them? 172,000 state residents who weren't required to file an income tax return or who had no income tax liability. These are typically low-income young couples or elderly people on Social Security or some other form of tax-exempt income.

## Protest ruins Gorbachev's May Day



Associated Press

Supporters of the Lithuanian independence movement denounce Mikhail Gorbachev during May Day protest.

# Red-faced in Red Square

## Gorbachev embarrassed by massive protest

By Fen Montaigne

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

MOSCOW — Thousands of anti-government marchers turned the ritual Communist May Day parade on Tuesday into a humiliating spectacle for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The protesters planted themselves in Red Square and jeered Gorbachev and his top leadership until they left their perch atop Lenin's mausoleum.

In a departure from 73 years of tradition, Kremlin leaders opened up the parade to nonofficial groups. In 25 minutes, the newcomers forever changed this staid Soviet rite in which marchers had obediently filed past the waving Soviet leadership.

They shook their fists at Gorbachev and other Kremlin leaders.

They shouted "Down with Gorbachev," "Down with the KGB" and "Free Lithuania."

They carried signs that read, "Ceausescu of the Politburo: Out of your armchairs and into jail" and "Gorbachev: We're had enough of you making fools of the people — resign with your team."

Some made obscene gestures at the Soviet president.

Gorbachev appeared impassive, but was seen tapping his fingers on the parapet of the reviewing stand, as he often does when he is impatient.

After 25 minutes Gorbachev decided that he had had enough. He turned and walked away from

his place on the red-granite mausoleum. About 25 other top leaders followed. The crowd erupted in jeers, boos and whistles.

As Gorbachev walked through a door in the red-brick Kremlin walls, trailed by trench-coated bodyguards, his face was flushed.

The unprecedented protest showed that the popular forces unleashed by Gorbachev are gaining strength and are increasingly difficult to control.

The demonstration is certain to enrage hard-liners who feel that democratic forces have gotten dangerously unruly.

■ Bush to meet Lithuanian/3A  
■ May Day around the world/9A

# Relieved, the North hails peace

Relatively quiet spearfishing season prompts optimism about the future

By Jeff Mayers and Ron Seely

Wisconsin State Journal

MINOCQUA — With the sixth Chippewa spearfishing season drawing to a close, northern boat landings are again becoming places to launch boats instead of protests.

Many in Wisconsin are breathing a thankful sigh of relief. The season is expected to end today or Thursday.

Despite worries and predictions of life-threatening trouble on northern Wisconsin lakes and boat landings in full view of an expectant national media, the state and region apparently have survived another season without a major incident or serious injury.

Still, there were frequent complaints by spearfishers and their supporters about shots being fired, rocks being thrown and insults being shouted. Many non-Indians remained angry over what they say are special rights for Indians.

But the relative peace and improved communication among competing interests in northern Wisconsin, interviews with a variety of sources suggest, provide the opportunity to move beyond the debate over whether it's right to kill a spawning walleye.

"We've gotten through another season, or near so," said Rep. James Holperin, D-Eagle River, whose Assembly district encom-

passes this hotbed of opposition to Indian spearfishing. "Now we can move onto productive meetings and productive negotiations that I think will follow."

Holperin, who beat a recall attempt by anti-treaty-rights forces earlier this year, said the relative calm this year was due to efforts of moderates, mostly business and community leaders, who spoke out and sought compromise.

Jeff Long, chairman of the town of Boulder Junction, was one of the leaders who encouraged those in the middle to speak out. In his appraisal of the season, Long said the emergence of a moderate majority made the difference this year.

"It wasn't a perfect season," Long said Tuesday. "But it was definitely a greatly improved season over last year... The moderate people — which definitely is the majority up here — felt things could have gotten out of hand. They preferred to see things handled in a more civil fashion."

These moderate voices were heard mostly during meetings of a tribal-tourism task force, a group composed of tribal, business and community leaders. The compro-

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■ Mole Lake Chippewa start to cut timber on state forest land/3D

# Bus hub proposal wins council's OK

East Side alderman vows to fight plan

By Tim Kellay

City government reporter

Deeply divided Madison City Council members this morning approved \$2.6 million bus rider-transfer hub plans championed by the mayor and opposed by residents who live near the hub sites.

Council members voted, 12-9, to approve the proposal at the end of a 5½-hour meeting punctuated by cheers and jeers.

However, East Side Ald. Henry Lufner, 16th District, said the East Side hub proposal could be blocked when its routine rezoning request comes before the council next month.

Seventeen of 22 council members must approve a rezoning.

"Those votes are never going to be there," Lufner said.

The plan also faces a glitch: Hub buildings can't be built by the time bus planners restructure routes in August, said Paul Larrousse, Metro general manager. Transit planners will have drivers drop off riders somewhere near the proposed sites, he said.

The hubs, to be completed by October at the earliest, would anchor route and service changes promoted as a way to improve service and stop declining bus ridership. The bus service has lost about a third of its riders since 1982.

The vote forced council members to choose between protecting a neighborhood or trying to revive a failing transit system. The vote followed intensive lobbying of reticent council members by Mayor Paul So-

glin and his staff.

Some of the more than 100 opponents at the meeting said they doubted the hub plan and associated changes would improve bus service. Residents and business leaders said they feared the hubs would bring noise, air pollution and crime to their neighborhoods. Transit officials produced studies to dispute pollution and noise claims.

A restless crowd jeered Soglin and transit officials who said the hubs were needed to keep pace with city growth. The hub system will reorient the bus system to changing population growth and traffic patterns, Larrousse and his consultants said. The expanding city's commerce and commuter travel no longer focus in the downtown area, they said.

The hubs and new routes will let people move within smaller areas while keeping crosstown service available for those who need it, transit planners said.

The West Side hub will be on Vernon Boulevard near the Hilldale Mall. The East Side hub will be on Hermina Street behind the Madison East Shopping Center.

Some council members who voted against the plans said they favored the hub concept, but didn't like the sites.

"I don't like any of the sites," Soglin countered. "Every single one of them disrupts a neighborhood... We won't find any sites where there isn't opposition."

■ Olin mural restoration approved/1D



State Journal photo/CAROLYN PFLASTERER

## It's a May Day tradition

Francas Hough built her way around to the delight of several children during Tuesday's May Day celebration at the Allied Community Center on Madison's Southwest Side. Hough and an unseasoned partner, both members of the Oak Apple Morris Team,

donned the bovine costume and gava rides. Morris dancing is a May Day sunrise ritual of English origin. It is believed to be at least several hundred years old. The Oak Apple team is only active Morris dance team in Wisconsin.